

HC Franks 50 years
in Philadelphia

HOLLAND *Linen*



August C. Frahn (Medallist)

Born Stuttgart, Germany

August 4, 1866 -

Swiss apprentice - Stuttgart - ~~Swiss~~

Wilhelm Meyer -

after 18 yrs of age

Became master journeyman (Medallist)

Worked in Berlin, Mannheim -

1892 - Came to America at age
of 26 to see the Chicago World's
Fair and became enthusiastic
over great opportunities here and
decided America was the
logical place to start
business also of idea
of getting away from the
political and economic turmoil
of Europe in those days

He now returned to his home after
25 years later.

1896 - started his business
after making for a time for
Wambles.

at South East Corner of 11th
and Chestnut, in Phila,
and he made dies, medals
and jewelry mfg. Pottery cut in steel -

Today as he remembers -
he says he was for hoppers then,
without having to attend to
the completion of business as it
is today.

From the small die-making
establishment he has finally

enlarged his place of business
until his name is well
known in circles where that
type of value is talked about
I see lots after starting
his business he met and
married Hertie Edelman
etc. - Oct 14 - 18 - ?
11

Business grew for one man
shop - year by year and
his two sons who have
always been with him since
they left school - now are
partners in a large factory
now carry 2000 sq ft
on Sanson Street Throgmorton
Avalon.

Recent years main part of
business is making dies and
molds for the plaster industry
who is a real war job -
ever ~~go~~ enter the molding
of parts.

Ever since started business
his aim was to bring his sons
up in the business so his
art ~~would~~ partnership would
continue ~~to~~

His famous contribution to the
movement,

Perry Medal - for the
Geographical Society in

Cemeteries of dream of

mail pole - year
was acquired with Dr. W. Santan (1)
and his son on

Elisha Kane Medal.

(1)

Dr. Wm. Santan and his son

Butterfield Sand & Gravel
Sansone, 1st man who built a
new house in Phila -

Sansone no mud road -
no lights -

Front Caldwell & Co -
for the 35 years a more up to
Present day -

Messenger found X came
down there after dark -

Dist Mails for Daily, Parks & Biddle

Historical Society of Penna

13th & Spruce

Have all kinds of Plats.

Made 4" medal for
the Society Commemorate
Amelia (Rev. Washington
Statue or Parkway. lots
removed)

Another medal com-
memorating flight of
Amelia Earhart -
now a Franklin museum.

Before Electric lights they
used gas light which was not
bright enough to illuminate
the work - so they fitted a ^{concentrated} beam of light
Globe in lower work water
and stood them before the
gas flame so that the
light was magnified
to better illuminate than
bench work -

When started business
made only dies
① - then customers wanted
stampings

A - Screw Press - Original
steel die struck - in shop
today made hobbing

Patented Jan 1886

making ties for the
Chinese mint

Medal made in Paris
said how to go back
I - Paul Mint
but he refused here
- could not tell difference

Very reluctant to accept instantly

1897

Medal "in Commemoration of the
Unveiling of the Washington Monument
(at the Parkway) in Philadelphia
May - 15th 1897

1899

National Export Exposition
- Medal - awarded by Franklin
Institute -

1886

44th Commemorative R.
North American Exposition.
at Milwaukee Wis. July 21-26
1886 ✓
over

a great many of the original
dies and tools for the insignia
for the U.S. Army, Navy and
Air Corps - now made by the
A.C.F. in an insignificant

1900

Clisba Kent Kane Medal
awarded by Geographical
Society of Philadelphia - for
Eminent Geographical Research

NOV-29- 1902 - the Sesqui-
Centennial of the initiation of Washington
into Freemasonry

Edgar A Tennis ^{was} P. W. Grand
Master - and John L Kinney
Worshipful Master of

Public Lodge No. 444 F&AM
Philadelphia - at that time
which medal commemorates.

Combine life Events
with chronological -
historical Events and
is that you white etc
lights has being installed
on etc - Or make the

— medal for —
concern etc

Suggested

Line 1 copy for
F. L. C. C.

1909

The R.E. Peary, U.S.N.
Medal presented to
Com R.E. Peary, U.S.N. by
the Geograph Soc of Phila
for the Discovering the North
Pole -

1925

John Price Wetherill Medal
awarded by Franklin Institute

1926

Ralph Modjeski, Chief
Eng. Del River Bridge

Cemented Dedication of

~~Presented~~ Awarded by
Conservation of Rivers

1932

Amelia Earhart Medal

Presented by Mayor Proctor

at Harbor Point Oct, 5-1932

to her as "1st woman etc

1934-

~~Dean Roosevelt Medal~~

~~Presented at Harbor~~

~~Point~~

Born Aug 4-1866

attended - Parochial School -

at age 14 ^{the firm of}
apprenticed to Wilhelm Meyer & Co

in Stuttgart -

Trainer of Präparatist.
in Stuttgart where he learned
the die cutting trade ^{and many other things}
to make dies for medals and
coins and ornamental papers -

Completed apprentice 4 years
later at the age of 18 and
became a journeyman die &
medal maker for the art of
die cutting &

Went to Mannheim, (as the firm)
and joined Dietrich
1 year -

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

Then went to Berlin. worked
for _____ then
went to Magdeburg at 1/2 spec.
worked for back to Berlin
1 1/2 Berlin

20-22 years

that I require assistance
I implore the Gentles for Foy's House opened
I have held -

X ¹⁸⁴⁸ about 40 half pints lemon
after learning other methods for
^{well known} than the similar he retired
to Meigs in Stuttgart.

X Debys worked Sunday for no
pay to learn from Herman Held
who stood around in his velvet
jacket instructing the boys in the
art.

23 years -

Myer is ~~studied~~ fulltime
promised to return after studying
under masters of the trade

about 1 or 2 years

1892 -

1892 - Left Germany to see
Worlds Fair at Chicago - May 1st
left of _____

arrived in New York Jan 12th 1892

~~On~~ the Dania - Steamship -

Went to Worlds Fair -

Saw of work from Meyer & Co
of Stuttgart was an exhibition
at ~~Worlds~~ Chicago Worlds
Fair and received a prize

He noticed the superior quality
of the work by had been
doing, and decided the
opportunities for him were
here in America -

among the exhibits was one
from Omega + Co - which
was a page - and seeing the
type of work - he decided there
was a great field for the work
he was doing

1892 -

After visiting New York
for a few weeks he came to
Phila and found a position
here and shortly afterward
went into business for himself
at 1018 Chestnut and
^{570-1894 - the 4th floor}
then moved to S.E. 11th
1 Chestnut - 570.
7 loc A 272 Lane

See other series -

1894 -

1 -

1895

1896

1897 - made medal - in
Commemoration of the unveiling
of the Washington Monument
Philadelphia - Pa. May 15, 1897

1898

1899 - he was commissioned by
the F. I. to make the model
for the Natl. Egypt. Expedition -
Cairo - (was on display at the
old F. I. address - now in a
small case - but in transit) - over
F. I. collection efforts -)

1890 -

"Skipper" Johnson

Slips - away from
danger - slippery steps

1900-

Elisha Kent Kane Middle
Commissioner to A.C. Trade

1902 - made the

Sesqui-Centennial of the
City of B. Washington

Freemasonry for P. B. Lodge
No 444 F and AM P. B. L.
with etc.

1907 - made Perry model
for decay of North Pole
Original on display at Smithsonian
Institute in Wash D.C. among
Perry Effects.

1925 F. 1. - ordered - silver note

John Price Wettersford mudat.

Our efforts have greatly
interfered with the medical
work at present engaged
in

Scrap Paper or Remnant
wanted light or Senses 24 -
of old to dark streets -

Ordered for present Ordered for
senses 24 to replace the old
bricks -

1st ones with cement
for present or Senses 24

Sansone to me
Hunted down and found
nos 1st Bundle of Books
in N. Italia -

a great many of the Original
 due to the Army - Navy -
 Air Corp emblems were
 made by A.C. Franks -

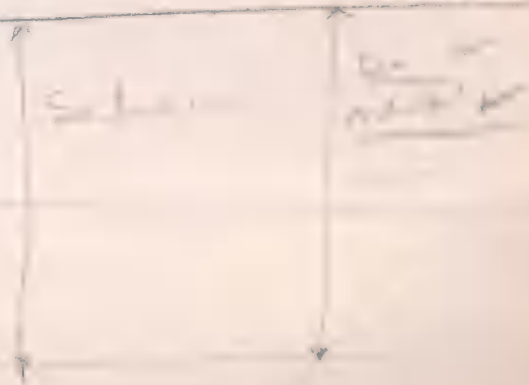
Athletic Medals -

Standard Model A.N.V.

Jr. Org

Sr. Org

100
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 Sample



Made Savage Badger

Patience and in Stal
more quantity - gas for
business

real the whole basis of
mediation -

Reveries. Have been at
Cous - & when motor came
on stream, I wrote to keep
fuel men - and passengers
got out and walked
up hill - and finally
got motor platform entered

etc.

Plastics

went into plastics
molds and at a very
recent ~~to~~ went to
molding plastics

Stamping
die molds
molds

Progress in ¹⁷ machining
in steps with modern advances
and often in the leading.

great Productor capacity

Same way with engraving
dept - a few more hours
modern engraving and duplicating
machine I facilitated the
- or. of this and replace
a great deal of the old
original hand effort

Have equipment for ^{transferring} sculptor
relief models by which
great time and labor

Photographs ✓

Old Catalogues ✓

Photograph of Bench

13th Dec 1901

Parliamentary Society



Seven Puns

Know the art of the pun

For - you are a

staying right and

all the way

Make the most of

most of the

all the more

staying friends by the

know a better

you by heart

Make a note that

was a good thing to

read you the book